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**NEW JERSEY STATUTES ANNOTATED**  
**TITLE 21. EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS**  
**CHAPTER 1B. LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES**

**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-1** DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

“Board” means the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board;

“Bulk plant” means intermediate establishments or points of storage and distribution, as distinguished from terminals and refineries, from which liquefied petroleum gas is distributed to retail dealers and consumers;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Community Affairs;

“Department” means the Department of Community Affairs; and

“Liquefied petroleum gas” means any material which is composed predominantly of any of the following hydrocarbons, or mixtures of the same: propane, propylene, butanes (normal butane or isobutane), and butylenes.

L. 1950, c. 139, s. 1; amended 1958, c. 43, s. 2; 1999, c. 109, s. 5.

**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-2** REGULATIONS CONCERNING TRANSPORTING OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES

a. The Superintendent of State Police shall coordinate the implementation and enforcement of regulations adopted pursuant to P.L. 1983, c. 401 (C. 39:5B-25 et seq.) concerning the transporting of liquefied petroleum gases as required for compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49.

b. The Commissioner of Community Affairs shall make, promulgate and enforce regulations setting forth minimum standards covering the design, construction, location, installation and operation of equipment for storing, handling or utilizing liquefied petroleum gases at public utility establishments operated by public utilities as defined in section 48:2-13 of the Revised Statutes and at marine

terminals, pipeline terminals, refineries and manufacturing establishments, which shall not be deemed to include bulk plants, and specifying the odorization of said gases and the degree thereof prior to sale by the manufacturer.

c. All regulations promulgated under subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be adopted only after a public hearing thereon and shall be such as are reasonably necessary for the protection of the health, welfare and safety of all persons and shall be in substantial conformity with the generally accepted and applicable standards of safety concerning the same subject matter.

L. 1950, c. 139, s. 2; amended 1958, c. 43, s. 3; 1999, c. 109, s. 6.

**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-3 INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT**

All equipment shall be installed and maintained in a safe operating condition and in conformity with the rules and regulations adopted under section 2 of this act; however, the inspection of propane gas equipment installations inside of predominantly residential buildings and those above ground installations which are on the outside of predominantly residential buildings may be made and approved or disapproved by the Construction Code official of the respective municipality pursuant to the standards promulgated by the Commissioner of Community Affairs. For purposes of this act "predominantly residential" means and includes buildings in which people reside or dwell as distinguished from buildings which are used entirely for commercial or business purposes. The term shall also include any building having 51% or more of its total floor space devoted to dwelling purposes.

L. 1950, c. 139, s. 3; amended 1958, c. 43, s. 4; 1975, c. 165; 1999, c. 109, s. 7.

**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-4 CONTAINERS AND RECEPTACLES**

No person, firm or corporation, other than the owner and those authorized by the owner so to do, shall sell, fill, refill, deliver or permit to be delivered, or use in any manner any liquefied petroleum gas container or receptacle for any gas, compound, or for any other purpose whatsoever.

L. 1950, c. 139, p. 274, s. 4.



**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-5 VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association, or corporation, on and after the effective date of this act to violate any of the provisions hereof or of the regulations made pursuant hereto. Any person, firm, association, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act, or said regulations made hereunder shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 to be collected in a summary proceeding in any municipal court or in the Superior Court. Each day during which any violation of this act or of said regulations continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

The Superintendent of State Police and the Commissioner of Community Affairs, according to the jurisdiction granted under section 2 of P.L. 1950, c. 139 (C. 21:1B-2), are hereby authorized and empowered to compromise and settle any claim for a penalty under this section in such amount, in the discretion of the Superintendent of State Police and the Commissioner of Community Affairs, respectively, as may appear appropriate and equitable under all of the circumstances.

L. 1950, c. 139, s. 5; amended 1958, c. 43, s. 5; 1991, c. 91, s. 265; 1999, c. 109, s. 8.

**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-6 ADDITIONAL PENALTIES**

In addition to the penalties provided in section 5 of P.L. 1950, c. 139 (C. 21:1B-5), any person, firm or corporation who shall violate or remain in violation of any of the provisions hereof, or of any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder, may be directed and ordered by the Superintendent of State Police or the Commissioner of Community Affairs, according to their respective jurisdiction under section 2 of P.L. 1950, c. 139 (C. 21:1B-2), by notice in writing setting forth the facts relating to such violation to correct said violation. Such notice in writing shall be served personally upon said person or mailed by registered or certified mail to the principal office of said person, firm or corporation or if an individual or individuals, to his or their residence. If such order is not complied with and such violation not corrected within 20 days of the date of service of said order, the Superintendent of State Police or Commissioner of Community Affairs, as the case may be, may institute an action in the Superior Court for injunctive relief or an abatement. The court may proceed in the action in a summary

manner or otherwise, and shall make such determination thereof as shall seem necessary and proper to correct the violation and secure enforcement of said order of the Superintendent of State Police or Commissioner of Community Affairs, as the case may be. Every such order issued by the Superintendent of State Police or Commissioner of Community Affairs under the provisions of this section shall be *prima facie* evidence of the truth of the matter and things therein set forth.

L. 1950, c. 139, s. 6; amended 1953, c. 21, s. 3; 1958, c. 43, s. 6; 1999, c. 109, s. 9.

**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-7 ORDINANCES NOT TO CONFLICT WITH REGULATIONS**

No municipality or other political subdivision shall adopt or enforce any ordinance or regulation in conflict with the provisions of this act or with the regulations promulgated under section two of this act.

L. 1950, c. 139, p. 275, s. 7, eff. Sept. 1, 1951.

**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-8 DECLARATION OF NECESSITY**

The State of New Jersey hereby finds, determines and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

L. 1950, c. 139, p. 275, s. 8.

**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-9 TRANSFER OF POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE POLICE TO COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

All the powers, functions and duties heretofore exercised by the Superintendent of State Police pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 1950, c. 139, as amended (C. 21:1B-1 et seq.) and pertaining to the design, construction, location, installation and operation of equipment for storing, handling and utilizing liquefied petroleum gases at places of employment are hereby transferred to and vested in the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

L. 1972, c. 107, s. 1.

N.J.S.A. 21:1B-10 RULES, REGULATIONS, AND ORDERS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE POLICE; CONTINUANCE

- a. All rules and regulations promulgated by the Superintendent of State Police relating to such places of employment shall remain in full force and effect until they are superseded by rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Community Affairs.
- b. All orders of the Superintendent of State Police shall be continued in full force and effect unless modified or disapproved by the Commissioner of Community Affairs; provided, however, that no order may be modified or disapproved with regard to an installation in existence on the effective date of this act except where such installation creates a hazardous condition that endangers the public.

L. 1972, c. 107, s. 2.

N.J.S.A. 21:1B-11 METHOD OF TRANSFER

The transfer directed by this act shall be effected pursuant to the "State Agency Transfer Act," P.L. 1971, c. 375 (C. 52:14D-1 et seq.).

L. 1972, c. 107, s. 3.

N.J.S.A. 21:1B-12 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS EDUCATION AND SAFETY BOARD

- a. There is created within the Department of Community Affairs the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board. This board shall be advisory in nature to the Commissioner of Community Affairs. The board shall be composed of 11 members: three public members appointed by the Governor on a nonpartisan basis, two of whom shall be professional firefighters or other fire safety professionals; one representative from the environmental community and one representative from a consumer group, appointed by the Governor; five members who are representatives of the liquefied petroleum gas industry appointed by the Governor upon recommendation by the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Propane Gas Association; and one representative of a gas public utility involved in the storage and distribution of liquefied

petroleum gas, appointed by the Governor. Members of the board who are representatives of the liquefied petroleum gas industry and the gas public utility shall have been legal residents of the State for at least the five years prior to their appointment and have been actively engaged in the liquefied petroleum gas industry for at least five years. Members of the board shall be appointed within 90 days after the effective date of this act.

Of the members first appointed as public members, one shall serve for one year, one shall serve for two years, and one shall serve for three years. Of the members representing the liquefied petroleum gas industry, the first appointed shall serve for one year, the next appointed shall serve for two years, and the remainder shall serve for three years. The representative from the environmental community, the representative of the gas public utility and the representative from a consumer group shall each serve for three years.

Upon expiration of the terms of the members first appointed, the terms of all members shall be three years. Members may be reappointed. Members shall serve until a replacement is appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. In the case of a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term, that vacancy shall be filled only for the unexpired term.

b. The board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members at its first regular meeting each calendar year. All meetings of the board shall be held on a prescribed date, at least quarterly, and also at any time a majority of the board members requests a meeting in writing to the board chairman. Any six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The board may adopt bylaws governing its procedures and method of operation.

c. The members of the board shall not receive compensation, but may receive an allowance for travel expenses as determined by the commissioner to the extent such funds are made available.

N.J.S.A. 21:1B-13 POWERS OF BOARD

a. The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board is empowered to:

(1) recommend to the Commissioner of Community Affairs for proposal and adoption rules and regulations:

(a) setting forth minimum general standards for the design, construction, location, installation, and operation of equipment for storing and handling of liquefied petroleum gas, and

(b) governing liquefied petroleum gas distributors and installers and the installation of liquefied petroleum gas systems, carburetion systems and fueling systems;

(2) make recommendations to the Commissioner of Community Affairs concerning:

(a) civil penalties for violation of any rule or order made under Chapter 1B of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes;

(b) the method and form of application for a liquefied petroleum gas license or certification; the investigation of the experience, reputation and background of applicants; the issuance, suspension, revocation or denial of licenses; and the procedures for conducting hearings in connection with the applications for, or revocation of, licenses and certifications, including, but not limited to, compelling the attendance of witnesses by subpoena, requiring the production of any records or documents determined by it to be pertinent to the subject matter of the hearing, and applying to the Superior Court for an order citing any applicant or witness for contempt, and for failure to attend, testify or produce required documents;

(c) procedures for the suspension or revocation of licenses or certifications and the denial of license or certification renewals when the applicant or licensee has been guilty of acts of conduct harmful to either the safety or protection of the public;

- (d) the content of and procedures for administering examinations of every license applicant to determine the responsibility, ability, knowledge, experience or other qualification of the applicant for a license;
  - (e) competency testing for all employees and subcontractors of licensees engaged in transporting or dispensing liquefied petroleum gas or installing, servicing, or repairing a liquefied petroleum gas system, fueling system or carburetion system, as set forth in this chapter;
  - (f) procedures for the granting of exemptions from department rules and regulations to accommodate local needs as it determines to be in the best interest of the safety of the public or the persons using liquefied petroleum gas systems or services;
  - (g) the development of programs and projects, including educational programs for public safety officials and consumers, concerning safety and environmental advantages of liquefied petroleum gas, and safety and educational programs for the public and for industrial and emergency response personnel;
  - (h) procedures for entering into contracts or agreements to implement the provisions of this act; and
  - (i) a schedule of the fees and charges to cover all costs of administration of the provisions of this act as provided in this act.
- b. (1) The board shall keep accurate records and minutes of all meetings, which shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times, and keep a public record of all applications for licenses, and licenses issued by it.
- (2) The board shall periodically report to the Commissioner of Community Affairs concerning its transactions and recommendations and the Commissioner of Community Affairs shall submit to the Governor a biennial report before September 1 of each even numbered year, covering its transactions during the biennium ending June 30 of that year, including a complete

statement of the receipts and expenditures of the board during that period.

L. 1999, c. 109, s. 2.

**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-14 AREAS OVER WHICH BOARD HAS NO AUTHORITY**

The board shall have no authority governing:

- a. The production, refining or manufacture of liquefied petroleum gas;
- b. The storage, sale, or transportation of liquefied petroleum gas by pipeline or railroad tank car by a pipeline company, producer, refiner or manufacturer;
- c. The equipment used by a pipeline company, producer, refiner or manufacturer in a producing, refining or manufacturing process, or in the storage, sale or transportation by pipeline or railroad tank car;
- d. Any deliveries of liquefied petroleum gas to another person at the place of production, refining, or manufacturing;
- e. Regulations and requirements of liquefied petroleum gas transporters as covered by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, as administered pursuant to P.L. 1983, c. 401 (C. 39:5B-25 et seq.); or
- f. Those portions of the liquefied petroleum gas system operated by a gas public utility that are under the regulation and requirements of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as administered by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

L. 1999, c. 109, s. 3.

**N.J.S.A. 21:1B-15 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMISSIONER OF ASSESSMENTS; DISBURSEMENT; "LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS EDUCATION AND SAFETY BOARD FUND"**

- a. The board may recommend to the Commissioner of Community Affairs the level of an assessment to be levied on liquefied petroleum gas and the commissioner shall determine the level and

may levy the assessment. The initial assessment shall be no greater than one-fifteenth of one cent per gallon. Thereafter, annual assessments shall be sufficient to cover the costs of the plans and programs developed by the board and approved by the commissioner, and the cost of administering the responsibilities of the department established pursuant to this act. The assessment shall not exceed one-half cent per gallon of odorized propane. The assessment may not be raised by more than one-tenth of one cent per gallon annually.

The owner of liquefied petroleum gas immediately prior to odorization shall be responsible for the payment of the assessment on the volume of liquefied petroleum gas at the time of import or odorization, whichever is earlier.

The commissioner may by regulation establish an alternative means for the department to collect the assessment if another means is found to be more efficient and effective. The commissioner may by regulation establish a late payment charge and rate of interest to be imposed on any person who fails to remit to the department any amount due.

b. Pending disbursement pursuant to a program, plan or project, the State Treasurer may invest funds collected through assessments and any other funds received by the department, only in obligations of the United States or any agency thereof, in general obligations of any state or any political subdivision thereof, in any interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit of a bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve System, or in obligations fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States.

c. There is established a "Liquefied Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board Fund" as a non-lapsing revolving fund within the Department of Community Affairs. All assessments, fees and penalties collected by the department under this chapter shall be deposited in the fund. The fund shall be administered by the Commissioner of Community Affairs and shall be used exclusively to defray all expenses incurred by the department in operation of the board and the administration of the department's responsibilities under this act.







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SUBCHAPTER 1 -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

(a) The purpose of this chapter is to provide minimum standards for liquefied petroleum gas systems for the preservation of health and safety of the general public.

(b) This chapter shall apply to the design, construction, location, installation, maintenance and operation of liquefied petroleum gas systems.

(c) The following pertain to existing LP-Gas systems:

1. LPG systems within the scope of this chapter which were installed in accordance with the rules in effect at the time of installation may be continued in service unless the continued operation of such systems constitutes a serious and substantial threat to health and safety.
2. Existing systems shall be registered with the Bureau if required by N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.4 and containers shall be marked in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.6.

(d) This chapter shall not apply to the following:

1. The transportation of liquefied petroleum gases over the highways in intrastate or interstate commerce;
2. Liquefied petroleum gas vapor piping inside of buildings; or
3. Portable cylinders of not more than 40 pounds when used as intended for outdoor cooking purposes.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.2 APPLICABILITY AND JURISDICTION

(a) The issuance of permits for, and the inspection of, new liquefied petroleum gas vapor delivery systems of 2,000 gallons or less aggregate water capacity shall be the responsibility of the local construction official and plumbing subcode official, as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.4. The local construction official shall also be responsible for handling unsafe structures as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.32.

(b) The issuance of permits for, and the inspection of, new liquefied petroleum gas systems of vapor delivery greater than 2,000 gallons aggregate water capacity and all liquid withdrawal systems shall be the responsibility of the Bureau.

(c) In addition to compliance with the requirements of this chapter, liquefied petroleum gas systems of over 2,000 gallons aggregate water capacity, or individual containers of over 1,000 gallons water capacity, shall be subject to registration and to annual inspection by the fire official, as set forth in the Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.4B and 2.5.

(d) Cylinder exchange cabinets shall be subject to inspection by the fire official, in accordance with section F-3605.0 of the Fire Prevention Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.

(e) In addition to compliance with the requirements of this chapter, LPG systems at locations identified as fill plants shall be subject to inspection by the local fire official, in accordance with section F-3609.0 of the Fire Prevention Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.

(f) LP-Gas facilities including producers, bulk plants and industrial plants of 10,000 gallons water capacity or more, gas utility plants, marine or pipeline terminals or tank farms shall comply with and shall be inspected in accordance with the quality control program outlined in N.J.A.C. 5:18-9.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.3 COMPLIANCE

(a) All liquefied petroleum gas systems shall be installed and maintained in a safe operating condition in accordance with these rules.



- (b) Zoning considerations shall be the responsibility of the municipality in which the system is located.
- (c) All buildings or structures housing liquefied petroleum systems and foundations for containers shall be constructed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23.
- (d) Only a qualified person shall sell, fill, or refill liquefied petroleum gas at a dispensing or distributing point.
- (e) No person shall install, remove, connect, disconnect, fill or refill any liquefied petroleum gas container without permission of the owner of the container.
  - 1. Exception: Containers at one- or two-family residential properties may be disconnected and moved provided that the qualified person removing the container secures the fill line, gauge openings, fuel lines and pump connections against tampering and leaves the container in a safe and secure location.
- (f) The owner of an LP-Gas container found to be in a hazardous condition shall remove the container from the site as soon as possible or necessary, but in no case later than five working days of written notification by the Bureau.
- (g) The Commissioner may order the owner or operator of a system to meet additional requirements:
  - 1. Where unusual conditions exist; and
  - 2. When it is necessary for the protection of the health, safety or welfare of persons.
- (h) LP-Gas systems having a product vapor pressure greater than that allowed in the referenced standards for commercial propane, with the product measured at 100 degrees Fahrenheit, shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner.
- (i) When liquefied petroleum gas equipment is to be abandoned or temporarily placed out of service, the user/owner shall comply with the provisions of Section F-3608.0, Abandonment of Equipment, of

the Fire Prevention Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.

(j) Any person seeking a waiver or modification of any requirement set forth in this chapter in a specific situation where strict adherence to the requirement poses a hardship, or where technological advances allow an alternative that provides equivalent protection, may submit a request for such waiver or modification to the Bureau Chief. The application shall include a statement that explains why strict adherence to the rules would be problematic, or why an alternative would be appropriate, and a statement that documents that the alternative(s) requested would be consistent with the intent of the Act and of this chapter and would not result in any increased health or safety risk. The Bureau Chief may grant any such waiver or modification only upon a finding that doing so would not result in any increased health or safety risk and would be consistent with the intent of the Act and of this chapter.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.4 REGISTRATION

(a) All existing LPG systems of greater than 2,000 gallons water capacity vapor delivery service, all liquid withdrawal systems and all fill plants shall be registered by the owner with the Bureau.

1. The submission of plans pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:18-6.1 shall be accepted as satisfying the registration requirement.

(b) When there is a change in the ownership of an existing LPG system, the new owner shall register with the Bureau within ten business days of the change in ownership.

(c) All LP-Gas facilities, including producers, bulk plants and industrial plants of 10,000 gallons water capacity or more, gas utility plants, marine or pipeline terminals or tank farms, shall be registered with the Bureau in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-9.1.

(d) Each registration shall indicate the name and address of the New Jersey office or New Jersey residence of the LPG system's owner or the owner's representative; the owner or the owner's representative must reside or have an office in the State of New Jersey to accept service of process.

(e) It shall be the responsibility of the owner to notify the Depart-

ment of any change in the identity, mailing address, office or residence address or phone number of the owner or representative. Any change shall be reported to the Department in writing within 30 days of the change.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.5 INSPECTION OF LPG SYSTEMS BY THE BUREAU

(a) All LPG systems of greater than 2,000 gallons water capacity vapor delivery service, all liquid withdrawal service systems and all fill plants shall be inspected annually by the Bureau, with the exception of LPG systems meeting the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:18-9, which shall be subject to a triennial audit, and those subject to local inspection, as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.2(c).

(b) Upon successful completion of an initial inspection by the Bureau, a site-specific certificate of operation shall be issued.

(c) The certificate of operation shall indicate that the LPG system is in compliance with the applicable requirements of this chapter and shall be posted at a conspicuous location where representatives of the Bureau and members of the public may inspect it.

(d) Failure to remove any violations found as a result of an inspection made by the Bureau shall result in issuance of a written notice to abate the violations. Correction of violations shall be done in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-7.3.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.6 CONTAINER MARKINGS

(a) Containers of 100 pounds product capacity or more shall be legibly marked "FLAMMABLE GAS" and the name of the gas to indicate contents, such as "FLAMMABLE GAS-PROPANE" or "FLAMMABLE GAS-BUTANE," except as provided in (b) below. Compliance with the marking requirements of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations shall be accepted as meeting this requirement.

1. Exception: Container marking shall not be required for containers at one- or two-family residential properties.

(b) A company identification system for marking containers which

is approved by the Commissioner shall be acceptable in lieu of compliance with (a) above at processing plants.

(c) As required by N.J.A.C. 5:11, all ASME containers shall be stamped with the National Board number. The number shall be readily visible on the container shell or head and shall not be concealed by paint or otherwise. The National Board registration number shall be affixed at all times for inspection purposes. The stamping may be affixed to a metal tag or shall otherwise be permanently marked in lettering of not less than 5/16 of an inch in height.

(d) All LP-Gas containers exceeding 250 gallons individual or aggregate water capacity shall be provided with a marker plate or sign indicating who should be called in the event of an emergency involving the LP-Gas container. The marker or sign shall have lettering not less than one inch high and the lettering shall contrast in color with the background of the LP-Gas container. The marker or sign shall include the following:

1. The name of the LP-Gas supplier, owner or operator who will respond to the emergency; and
2. That person's telephone number.

(e) Prior to filling any cylinder of 4 to 40 pounds LP-Gas capacity, except fork lift cylinders, the operator of the fill plant or distribution plant shall affix a label to the collar of the cylinder that includes the following warning printed in English and in Spanish: "Flammable Gas -- Never Use or Store Indoors/Gas Inflammable- Nunca Se Use o Guarde Adentro."

N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.7 REPORTING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

(a) The LP-Gas supplier, owner or operator shall respond when notified to all LP-Gas emergencies occurring at his systems and shall maintain a 24-hour phone service.

(b) Whenever there is a fire or explosion or accident involving the public which results in serious injury or loss of life or significant property damage from liquefied petroleum gas, the Bureau shall be notified in writing by the user/owner before the end of the first

working day following the incident.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.8 (RESERVED)

N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.9 (RESERVED)

N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.10 (RESERVED)

## SUBCHAPTER 2 -- DEFINITIONS

### N.J.A.C. 5:18-2.1 DEFINITIONS

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Act” means Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act, N.J.S.A. 21:1B-1 et seq.

“API” means American Petroleum Institute.

“Approved” means any product certified, or classified, or labeled, or listed by a nationally recognized testing agency, unless specifically banned by order of the Commissioner or by rule.

“ASME” means American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

“Bulk plant” means a facility, the primary purpose of which is distribution of gas, that receives LP Gas by tank car, tank truck or piping and distributes it to the end user by portable container (package) delivery, tank truck or gas piping, and that has bulk storage of 2,000 gallons or more water capacity and has container-filling or truck-loading facilities on the premises. “Bulk plant” also means and includes any facility that transfers LP Gas from tank cars on a private track directly into cargo tanks.

“Bureau” means the Bureau of Code Services in the Division of Codes and Standards of the Department of Community Affairs.

“Cargo tank” means a container used to transport LP Gas over a

highway as liquid cargo, either mounted on a conventional truck chassis or as an integral part of a transporting vehicle in which the container constitutes, in whole or in part, the stress member used as a frame, which is a permanent part of a transporting vehicle.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey or his or her authorized representative.

“Container” means any vessel including cylinders, tanks, portable tanks and cargo tanks used for storing liquefied petroleum gas.

“Cylinder” means a container having a capacity not exceeding 1,000 pounds of water.

“Cylinder exchange cabinet” means a vented storage compartment that is used to store full and empty US DOT-type LP-Gas containers.

“Department” means the Department of Community Affairs.

“Dispensing station” means fixed equipment where LP Gas is stored and dispensed into portable containers. The public can be permitted access to the dispensing station area.

“Distributing plant” means a facility, the primary purpose of which is the distribution of gas, and which receives liquefied petroleum gas in tank car, truck transport or truck lots, distributing this gas to the end user by portable container (package) delivery, by tank truck or through gas piping. Such plants have bulk storage {2,000 gallons [7.6 cubic meters (m<sup>3</sup>)] water capacity or more} and have container filling or truck loading facilities on the premises. So-called “bulk plants” are considered as being in this category.

“Distributing point” means a facility, other than a distributing plant or industrial plant, which normally receives gas by tank truck, and which fills small containers or the engine fuel tanks of motor vehicles on the premises. Any such facility having liquefied petroleum gas storage of 100 gallons [0.4 cubic meters (m<sup>3</sup>)] or more water capacity, and to which persons other than the owner of the facility or his or her employees have access, is considered to be a distributing point. A liquefied petroleum gas service station is one type of distributing point.

“Fill plant” means a person who sells odorized LP Gas to the

ultimate consumer and is not regularly engaged in the business of selling it to other retail LP-Gas dispensers.

“Hazardous material” means any substance defined as a flammable or combustible liquid in accordance with the Flammable or Combustible Liquids Code, NFPA No. 30-1993 or a material classified by Hazardous Material Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171 through 177, as a flammable solid, liquid or gas.

“Industrial plant” means an industrial facility that utilizes gas incidental to plant operations, with LP-Gas storage of 2,000 gallons aggregate water capacity or more, and that receives LP Gas by tank truck, truck transport or truck lots, where it is used locally or throughout the plant for engine fuel for forklifts or other industrial trucks or as part of a processing operation.

“Line of adjoining property” means:

1. The near side of adjacent real estate not owned or possessed; or
2. The far side of adjacent real estate not owned or possessed when the real estate cannot be built upon, specifically utility easements of record, non-navigable waterways, and railroad right-of-ways.

“Liquefied petroleum gas” or “LP Gas” or “LPG” means any material which is composed predominantly of any of the following hydrocarbons or mixtures of the same: propane, propylene, butanes (normal or isobutene), and butylenes.

“LP-Gas system” means an assembly of one or more containers with a means of conveying LP Gas from the container(s) to dispensing or consuming devices (either continuously or intermittently) and which incorporates components intended to achieve control of quantity, flow, or pressure in the liquid or vapor state.

“Marketer” means a person engaged primarily in the sale of odorized LP Gas to the ultimate consumer or to retail LP-Gas dispenser(s). “Marketer” shall also mean and include the owner or operator of a bulk plant.

“Nationally recognized testing agency” means a laboratory, such as

the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., American Gas Association Laboratories, or the Factory Mutual Engineering Corporation or any similar testing organization acceptable to the commissioner.

"NFPA" means National Fire Protection Association.

"N.J.A.C." means the New Jersey Administrative Code.

"N.J.S.A." means the New Jersey Statutes Annotated.

"Person" means an individual, firm, association or corporation.

"Portable container" means a USDOT or ASME container of not more than 1,000 pounds water capacity.

"Producer" means the owner of LP Gas at the time it is recovered at a gas processing plant or refinery.

"Professional engineer" means a person licensed to practice professional engineering in New Jersey by the New Jersey Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

"Property line" means the line of adjoining property or the near side of any public way.

"Public way" means a government owned thoroughfare, such as a street or highway, designed for public use by lawful procedure.

"Qualified person" means a person selected by an employer and trained to perform a specific task or duty involving LP Gas, who has the degree of competence necessary to accomplish the work in a safe manner.

"Referenced standard" means N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.1(a), or 5:18-4.1(a), or 5:18-5.1(a) as applicable.

"Serious injury" means an injury which required treatment by a doctor, such as a fracture, or a condition requiring admittance to a hospital for at least 24 hours.

"Tank" means a container of more than 1,000 pounds water capacity used for the storage or utilization of liquefied petroleum gas.



"USDOT" means the United States Department of Transportation.

"Wholesaler" means any person who purchases LP Gas and may sell it to retail LP-Gas dispensers. "Wholesaler" may include, but is not limited to, producers and marketers.

### SUBCHAPTER 3 -- NFPA NO. 58 SYSTEMS

#### N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.1 STANDARDS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE

(a) The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, "NFPA 58-2004," is hereby adopted by reference with the following modifications:

1. The following amendments are made to Chapter 1 of NFPA 58 entitled "Administration:"
  - i. Section 1.3.1 is deleted.
  - ii. Section 1.3.2 is deleted.
  - iii. Section 1.4.2 is deleted and the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.1(c) shall be substituted in lieu thereof.
  - iv. Section 1.4.3 is deleted and the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.1(c) shall be substituted in lieu thereof.
2. The following amendments are made to Chapter 2 of NFPA 58 entitled "Referenced Publications:"
  - i. Section 2.3.1 is amended to delete the year 1996 at the end of the listing for API 620 and to substitute in lieu thereof 2002.
3. The following amendments are made to Chapter 3 of NFPA 58 entitled "Definitions:"
  - i. The terms and definition of "Authority Having Jurisdiction" is deleted. Substitute in lieu thereof, "The Bureau of Code Services is the authority having jurisdiction unless otherwise noted."
4. The following amendments are made to Chapter 4 of NFPA 58

entitled "General requirements:"

- i. Section 4.3.1 is deleted.
- ii. Section 4.3.2 is deleted.

5. The following amendments are made to Chapter 5 of NFPA 58 entitled "LP-Gas Equipment and Appliances:"

- i. Section 5.2.2.1 is deleted.
- ii. Section 5.2.3.1 is amended to add the phrase "After January 1, 2009," before the words "DOT cylinders in stationary service" on the first line.
- iii. Section 5.7.7.2(C) is amended to replace the date "July 1, 2003" with "July 1, 2007."
- iv. Section 5.7.7.2(D) is amended to replace the date "July 1, 2011" with "July 1, 2015."
- v. Section 5.7.7.2(G) is amended to replace the date "July 1, 2003" with "July 1, 2007."
- vi. Section 5.7.7.2(H) is amended to replace the date "July 1, 2011" with "July 1, 2015."
- vii. Section 5.18.6 is deleted.
- viii. Section 5.18.7 is deleted.

6. The following amendments are made to Chapter 6 of NFPA 58 entitled "Installation of LP-Gas Systems:"

- i. Section 6.3.1 is amended to delete the words "that can be built upon" on lines 5 and 6.
- ii. Section 6.3.3 is amended to delete the words "that can be built upon" on line 4.
- iii. Section 6.3.4.2 is amended to delete the words "that can be built upon" on line 3.

- iv. Section 6.3.4.3 is amended to delete the words "that can be built upon" on line 3.
- v. Section 6.4.5.12 is amended to delete the words "600 volts, nominal" and replace them with the words "240 volts nominal."
- vi. Section 6.6.7 is deleted.
- vii. Section 6.8.4.6 is amended to replace the term "(minimum AWG 14)" with the term "(minimum AWG 18)."
- viii. Section 6.9.1 is amended to replace the date "July 1, 2003" with "July 1, 2007."
- ix. Section 6.17.1.1(1) is deleted and the following language is substituted: "The storage of LP-Gas cylinders on exterior balconies of buildings shall be in accordance with the Uniform Construction Code (N.J.A.C. 5:23) and the Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70)."
- x. Section 6.17.1.2(C) is deleted.
- xi. Section 6.17.2 is deleted.
- xii. Section 6.17.3 is deleted and the following language is added: "The installation of piping and appliances within buildings shall conform to the Uniform Construction Code (N.J.A.C. 5:23). The installation of LP-Gas tanks on roofs of buildings except while under construction shall be prohibited. The installation of propane storage containers, piping and appliances on exterior balconies shall be in accordance with the Uniform Construction Code and the Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70) as applicable."
- xiii. Section 6.17.4.2 is deleted and the following language is substituted: "The storage and use of LP Gas in buildings that are under construction and partially occupied shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction under the Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70)."
- xiv. Section 6.17.11 is deleted.

xv. Table 6.19.3.6 is amended to delete the words "that can be built" on line 6 under the heading "Exposure."

xvi. Section 6.21 is deleted.

7. The following amendments are made to Chapter 8 of NFPA 58 entitled "Storage of Cylinders Awaiting Use, Resale, or Exchange:"

i. Section 8.3 is deleted and the following language is substituted: "The storage of LP Gas in buildings shall be in accordance with the Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70) and Uniform Construction Code (N.J.A.C. 5:23) as appropriate."

ii. Section 8.4.1.1(1) is amended to replace the distance "5 ft" with "20 ft."

iii. Section 8.4.1.1(2) is amended to replace the distance "10 ft" with "20 ft."

8. Chapter 9 of NFPA 58, with the exception of 9.7 on the parking and garaging of vehicles used to carry LP Gas, entitled "Vehicular Transportation of LP Gas," is deleted.

9. Chapter 11 of NFPA 58 entitled "Engine Fuel Systems" is deleted.

(b) Where any conflict occurs between the standards prescribed in (a) above and these rules, these rules shall prevail.

#### N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.2 CONTAINER MARKINGS

All containers shall be marked in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.6.

#### N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.3 CONTAINER STORAGE

(a) Containers shall be installed outside of buildings, except as provided in N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.1(a), whether of the portable type replaced on a cylinder exchange basis or permanently installed and refilled at the installation.

(b) Containers installed outside of buildings shall be located with respect to property lines other than public ways, buildings, or bulk storage of hazardous materials in accordance with Table 6.3.1 of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, NFPA No. 58-2004.

1. The term “buildings” as used in this subsection shall not be construed to include the buildings described in paragraph 6.3.5 of the referenced standard.
2. The term “hazardous materials” as used in this subsection shall recognize the specific requirements for the specific hazardous materials described in paragraphs 6.4.5.5, 6.4.5.6 and 6.4.5.8 of the referenced standard.

(c) Containers installed outside of buildings shall be located with regard to the near side of a public way in accordance with the schedule of above-ground containers of Table 6.3.1 of Liquefied Petroleum Gases, NFPA No. 58-2004, as provided below:

1. For containers of 30,000 gallons water capacity or less a distance of at least 50 percent of said schedule;
2. For containers of over 30,000 gallons water capacity a distance of at least 100 percent of said schedule.

(d) Existing containers, installed prior to the effective date of these rules, need not comply with the distances provided in (b) and (c) above provided:

1. The containers were in conformance with the applicable chapter of the N.J.A.C. in effect at the time of installation; and
2. The containers as so located do not constitute a serious and substantial threat to the health and safety of the public.

(e) Installations of LP-Gas systems with above-ground containers of 90,000 gallons individual or aggregate water capacity or more that present a serious exposure hazard shall be protected by one of the following: distances at least 50 percent greater than the schedule of above-ground containers of Table 6.3.1 of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, NFPA 58-2004, water spray protection, fixed monitors, or insulation.

(f) If more than six containers, each of which is of 2,000 gallons water capacity or more, are used at a single site, the containers shall be separated into batteries of not more than six containers with batteries separated from each other by the distances required for the schedule for mounded or underground containers of Table 6.3.1 of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, NFPA No. 58-2004.

(g) When the required distance from a property line to an LP-Gas container cannot be obtained, the commissioner may approve a lesser distance if some other approved means of protection is provided for the system and reasonable protection for the health and safety of the public is maintained.

(h) In case of storage in heavily populated areas or congested areas, or near places of public assembly, the Commissioner may require the owner to submit a risk analysis based on a recognized standard and may impose restrictions on individual tank capacity, total storage, distance to property lines, and other reasonable protective measures.

(i) Where there is a possibility of damage to storage containers from motor vehicles or other heavy objects, protection against such damage shall be provided. This protection shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Crash posts are to be a minimum of four inch schedule 40 pipe and painted yellow.
2. Crash posts are to be buried three feet six inches deep, extend three feet above grade, and be filled with concrete.
3. Posts are to be encased below grade in concrete at least 18 inches in diameter and three feet six inches in depth.
4. Posts are to be set at four feet six inches maximum centers.
5. The crash protection shall be installed a minimum of 24 inches from the LP container(s).

(j) In areas where high-speed and heavy-duty traffic occurs, the following shall be the requirements for motor vehicle protection:

1. Posts are to be minimum of six inches schedule 40 pipe and

painted yellow.

2. Posts are to be buried a minimum of 48 inches deep, and extend a minimum of 48 inches above grade, and be filled with concrete.

3. Posts are to be set at four feet maximum centers.

4. Posts are to be encased below grade in concrete of at least 24 inches in diameter and 48 inches in depth.

5. The crash protection shall be installed a minimum of 24 inches from the LP container(s).

(k) Highway barriers installed as per New Jersey Department of Transportation specifications may be substituted for crash posts as described in (i) and (j) above.

(l) The tops of storage containers shall be in the same horizontal plane, when the containers are interconnected by liquid piping.

(m) Storage areas having containers exceeding 100 pounds product water capacity shall be posted with adequate "NO SMOKING" and "FLAMMABLE GAS" signs legibly marked. The "FLAMMABLE GAS" sign shall be marked "FLAMMABLE GAS" and the name of the gas to indicate the contents such as "FLAMMABLE GAS-PROPANE" or "FLAMMABLE GAS-BUTANE."

(n) Storage containers shall not be placed under an electric power service transmitting voltage in excess of 240 volts or within six feet of a line projected vertically from any edge of the container.

(o) Cargo tank vehicles and tank cars shall not be used as a permanent storage facility.

1. Cargo tank(s) shall not be filled from another cargo tank.

(p) Above-ground containers exceeding 2,000 gallons individual water capacity shall be oriented so that their longitudinal axes do not point toward other LP-Gas containers within that installation.

(q) Dead trees or dead branches overhanging containers that can fall and dislocate a container from its piping shall be removed.

(r) Containers proposed for mounding or underground installation shall be provided with cathodic protection in addition to a suitable coating for corrosion protection.

1. Cathodic protection will not be required if a professional engineer certifies in writing to the Department that based on his or her soil investigation such protection is unnecessary.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.4 DISTRIBUTING POINTS, DISTRIBUTION PLANTS, AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

(a) This section shall apply to the following:

1. Distributing points of any capacity; or
2. Distributing plants of any capacity; or
3. Industrial plants of 2,000 gallons aggregate water capacity or more.

(b) If loading or unloading is normally done during other than daylight hours, adequate lights shall be provided to illuminate storage containers, control valves and other LP-Gas equipment.

(c) Suitable roadways or means of access for extinguishing equipment, such as wheeled extinguishers or fire department apparatus shall be provided.

(d) The LP-Gas system shall be enclosed within an industrial type fence at least six feet high with at least two egress gates opening outward and remotely located from each other, or be within an approved fenced plant area and protected from tampering.

(e) The LP-Gas system shall be protected against vehicle damage with substantial bumper guards, where necessary. Bumper guards shall be, as a minimum, four-inch diameter schedule 40 concrete filled steel pipe properly imbedded in concrete on a maximum of four-feet six-inch centers, or equivalent.

(f) The storage, loading, unloading, cylinder filling areas, and other strategic points shall be adequately posted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.3(m).



- (g) Approved extinguishers of adequate capacity of the carbon dioxide or dry chemical type shall be provided at strategic locations, such as storage sites, unloading and loading racks, filling or charging locations, pump, compressor and vaporizer locations.
- (h) The Commissioner may require reasonable fire protection facilities for LP-Gas systems exceeding 4,000 gallons aggregate water capacity.
- (i) The point of connection of an unmounted portable container being filled (point of transfer) shall be not less than five feet from the dispensing unit or a storage container of 2,000 gallons water capacity or less.
  - 1. If weather protection for a scale is to be provided, such protection shall be constructed of non-combustible material except that the roofing material may be transparent corrugated plastic.
- (j) Liquefied petroleum gas dispensers shall not be located on the same island as a Class I liquid dispenser.
- (k) A pump stop-start switch at a distributing point shall be located inside the fence enclosure near the point of transfer.
- (l) LP-Gas liquid and vapor shall be conveyed from the container to the building by rigid piping, properly installed and protected. Piping may be either metallic or plastic in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.1.
- (m) Prior to filling any cylinder of four to 40 pounds LP-Gas capacity, except fork lift cylinders, the operator of the fill plant or distribution plant shall mark the cylinder in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.6(e).

N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.5 STANDBY AND PEAK SHAVING PLANTS

- (a) In any system requiring venting of LP Gas or LP-Gas/air mixtures, the gases shall be flared or disposed of in a manner approved by the Commissioner.
- (b) A flare stack shall be provided at least 25 feet away from

hazardous locations such as storage, loading or unloading and filling areas.

(c) The flare shall have a separate gas pilot line with spark ignited burner.

(d) A flash back preventer shall be installed in the flare line or stack.

(e) These systems shall be designed in accordance with safe operating, inspection and maintenance procedures and in accordance with all applicable provisions of these rules.

(f) LP-Gas standby systems shall be designed to maintain the required BTU value of the gas-air mixture within the operating limitations of the system.

(g) The LP-Gas system capacity turn down ratio shall be such that no prolonged burning at the flare stack is necessary.

(h) Standby systems shall be protected by safety devices and alarms that will shut down the system and notify plant personnel if loss of pressure or overpressure occurs in the mixed gas line or in either the gas or air line.

(i) Propane shall not be substituted for butane nor butane for propane in any standby or peak shaving system unless the system was designed for the substitute gas and has the approval of the Commissioner.

(j) Plant operating personnel shall be instructed in procedures for safe operation and emergency shut down.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.6 CYLINDER EXCHANGE CABINETS

(a) In addition to complying with the requirements of Chapter 8 of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, NFPA No. 58-2004, the operator of every location providing LPG cylinder exchange cabinets shall:

1. Ensure that exchange cylinders are properly secured at all times by locking them within a receptacle designed for this purpose and that proper ventilation is maintained at all times;

2. Ensure that all cylinders are stored in the exchange cabinet in an upright position with the valve outlet plugged and that no cylinders are left unattended or in an open area away from the protected area of the exchange cabinet or in any other location;
3. Comply with all provisions of section F-3605.0 of the Fire Prevention Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-3;
4. Ensure that cylinder exchange cabinets are set on a secure, noncombustible base and are located at least 20 feet from any building opening or source of ignition and are not located or stored within a structure;
5. Comply with the maximum cylinder size and distance requirements specified in NFPA-58/2004 edition, Table 8.4.1.2;
6. Ensure that the following information is on signs affixed to the cabinet:
  - i. "Propane" or "Flammable Gas;"
  - ii. "No Smoking;"
  - iii. A 24-hour emergency telephone number; and
  - iv. Location of fire extinguisher(s);
7. Ensure that all full cylinders placed in the cabinet have a proper consumer warning label affixed, are requalified as per NFPA-58, Appendix C, and are painted a light reflecting color;
8. Ensure that a warning sign is posted at or near each entrance doorway stating that "LP-GAS EXCHANGE CYLINDERS EMPTY OR FULL, SHALL NOT BE TAKEN INDOORS FOR ANY REASON.";
9. Ensure that all employees who exchange cylinders are properly trained and know how to check for leaks and what emergency procedures to follow if a leak is discovered. Only properly trained employees shall remove cylinders from or place cylinders in the cylinder exchange cabinet. This training shall be as approved by the Bureau and in accordance with these rules; and

10. Ensure that, when exchanging cylinders, the employee affixes a label to the collar of the cylinder that includes the following warning printed in English and in Spanish: "Flammable Gas-Never Use or Store Indoors/Gas Inflammable-Nunca Se Use o Guarde Adentro."

N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.7 UNSAFE CONTAINER OR SYSTEM

(a) Any system or container that does not comply with the requirements of this chapter or any standards incorporated by reference and that constitutes an immediate threat to safety shall be designated as unsafe by the Bureau by means of a tag prohibiting use that shall include the inspector's name and the date of inspection.

(b) Any system or container that has been tagged so as to prohibit use shall not be used until all deficiencies have been corrected.

1. The owner of any system or container thus tagged shall be notified immediately by the Bureau and provided with a copy of the inspection report in which the deficiencies are indicated.

(c) A tag prohibiting use shall not be removed from a system or container until the Bureau determines that all deficiencies have been corrected and removed, or authorizes removal of the tag. The tag shall be returned to the Bureau immediately following removal.

SUBCHAPTER 4 -- NFPA NO. 59 SYSTEMS

N.J.A.C. 5:18-4.1 STANDARDS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE

(a) "Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases at Utility Gas Plants," NFPA No. 59-1998, is hereby adopted by reference, except that:

1. The phrase "which can be built upon" shall be deleted; and
2. Only technical standards relating to public health and safety are adopted by reference. The administrative and reporting procedures of the referenced standard are not adopted and are replaced by the administrative provisions of this chapter.

- (b) Where any conflict occurs between the standards prescribed in (a) above and these rules, these rules shall prevail.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-4.2 CONTAINER MARKINGS

Containers of liquefied petroleum gases at utility gas plants shall be marked in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.6.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-4.3 CONTAINER STORAGE

- (a) Containers of liquefied petroleum gases at utility gas plants shall be located with regard to property lines other than a public way, buildings or bulk storage of hazardous materials in accordance with the applicable schedule of Liquefied Petroleum Gases at Utility Gas Plants, NFPA No. 59-1998.
- (b) Containers of liquefied petroleum gases at utility gas plants shall be located with regard to the near side of a public way in accordance with the applicable schedule for above-ground containers of Liquefied Petroleum Gases at Utility Gas Plants, NFPA No. 59-1998.
- (c) When the required distance from a property line to an LP-Gas container cannot be obtained, the Commissioner may approve a lesser distance if some other approved means of protection is provided for the system and reasonable protection for the health and safety of the public is maintained.
- (d) In case of storage in heavily populated areas or congested areas, or near places of public assembly, the Commissioner may require the owner to submit a risk analysis based on a recognized standard and may impose restrictions on individual tank capacity, total storage, distance to property lines, and other reasonable protective measures.
- (e) Storage areas having LP-Gas containers shall be posted with adequate "NO SMOKING" and "FLAMMABLE GAS" signs legibly marked. The "FLAMMABLE GAS" sign shall be marked "FLAMMABLE GAS" and the name of the gas to indicate the contents such as "FLAMMABLE GAS-PROPANE" or "FLAMMABLE GAS-BUTANE."

(f) Storage containers shall not be placed under an electric power service transmitting voltage in excess of 240 volts or within six feet of a line projected vertically from any edge of the container.

(g) Above-ground containers exceeding 2,000 gallons individual water capacity shall be oriented so that their longitudinal axes do not point toward other LP-Gas containers within that installation.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-4.4 FENCING

The LP-Gas system shall be enclosed within an industrial type fence at least six feet high with at least two egress gates opening outward and remotely located from each other, or be within an approved fenced plant area and protected from tampering.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-4.5 FIRE PROTECTION

(a) Suitable roadways or means of access for extinguishing equipment, such as wheeled extinguishers or fire department apparatus, shall be provided.

(b) Approved extinguishers of adequate capacity of the carbon dioxide or dry chemical type shall be provided at strategic locations, such as storage sites, unloading and loading racks, filling or charging locations, pump, compressor and vaporizer locations.

(c) The Commissioner may require reasonable fire protection facilities for LP-Gas installations exceeding 4,000 gallons aggregate water capacity.

SUBCHAPTER 5 -- API 2510 INSTALLATIONS

N.J.A.C. 5:18-5.1 STANDARDS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE

(a) API 2510-2001, "Design and Construction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Installations," is hereby adopted by reference for the design and construction of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) installations at marine and pipeline terminals, refineries petrochemical plants and tank farms, except that:

1. The phrase "that may be developed" shall be deleted;
  2. Only the technical standards relating to public health and safety are adopted by reference. The administrative and reporting procedures of the referenced standard are not adopted and are replaced by the administrative provisions of this chapter; and
  3. NFPA 58-2004 may be used as the standard for those areas not specifically addressed by API 2510-2001, provided that the provisions of NFPA 58 do not conflict with the intent of API 2510-2001.
- (b) Where any conflict occurs between the standards prescribed in (a) above and these rules, these rules shall prevail.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-5.2 CONTAINER MARKINGS

Containers of liquefied petroleum gases at marine and pipeline terminals, refineries, petrochemical plants and tank farms shall be marked in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.6.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-5.3 CONTAINER STORAGE

- (a) Siting of containers shall conform with section 5 of API 2510-2001.
- (b) In case of storage in heavily populated areas or congested areas, or near places of public assembly, the Commissioner may require the owner to submit a risk analysis based on a recognized standard and may impose restrictions on individual tank capacity, total storage, distance to property lines, and other reasonable protective measures.
- (c) Storage areas having liquefied petroleum gas containers shall be posted with adequate "NO SMOKING" and "FLAMMABLE GAS" signs legibly marked. The "FLAMMABLE GAS" sign shall be marked "FLAMMABLE GAS" and the name of the gas to indicate the contents such as "FLAMMABLE GAS-PROPANE" or "FLAMMABLE GAS-BUTANE."
- (d) Storage containers shall not be placed under an electric power

service transmitting voltage in excess of 240 volts or within six feet of a line projected vertically from any edge of the container.

(e) Above-ground containers exceeding 2,000 gallons individual water capacity shall be oriented so that their longitudinal axes do not point toward other liquefied petroleum gas containers within that installation.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-5.4 FENCING

The liquefied petroleum gas system shall be enclosed within an industrial type fence at least six feet high with at least two egress gates opening outward and remotely located from each other, or be within an approved fenced plant area and protected from tampering.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-5.5 (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER 6 -- RELEASE OF PLANS OR SUBMITTAL OF NOTICE OF LP-GAS INSTALLATION AND APPROVAL OF NEW LP-GAS SYSTEMS

N.J.A.C. 5:18-6.1 SUBMITTAL OF PLANS

(a) As required in (b) below, at least three sets of plans shall be filed with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, Bureau of Code Services, PO Box 816, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0816 prior to construction or installation of a proposed LP-Gas system or a substantial alteration to an existing system. Following plan release by the Bureau, one set of plans shall be submitted by the applicant to the local construction official in the municipality where the LPG system will be located.

(b) These plans shall be filed for:

1. An LP-Gas system with an aggregate water capacity of over 2,000 gallons;

- i. Exception: Plans shall not be required for LP-Gas systems with an aggregate water capacity of over 2,000 gallons that will remain in place for six months or less. However, these



temporary systems shall be subject to the inspection and notice requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:18-6.3 and 6.4; or

2. An LP-Gas system designed to transfer liquid from one container to another;
- (c) Prints of drawings shall be sealed by a professional engineer and shall comply with the requirements of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
- (d) Plans shall be titled, stating name of user, location of work by street address or description, municipality, date of drawing, drawing number, and all revisions thereto.
- (e) Plans shall be drawn to scale to produce good legibility.
- (f) Plans required by (b) above shall include the following information:
1. A plot plan of the area within 150 feet of the LP-Gas system to scale, or with appropriate distance indicated on the plot plan, showing on-site and off-site buildings, structures, property lines, use groups of buildings or structures, and distance from bulk quantities of hazardous materials.
  2. Design and details of foundations or supports for all containers and equipment of an installation. The foundation drawing shall include a description of the soil and allowable soil pressure.
  3. A schematic, isometric or plan drawing of the entire system with specifications. This drawing shall include all equipment, parts, piping, pumps, valves, controls, safety devices, material, instrumentation and electrical systems for both power and light necessary to evaluate the safe operation of the system.
  4. Container outline drawings indicating its dimensions, fittings, connections, capacity, design pressure, and code under which the container is built.
  5. Appropriate information on fire protection facilities at the site and available public fire services for systems exceeding 4,000 gallons aggregate water capacity.

i. This information shall include a fire analysis which may be provided by the engineer of record, providing that he or she submits with his or her analysis proof of consultation with the local Fire official.

(g) When projects are of a repetitive nature, such as those involving standard components or previously approved packaged units, standard drawings may be utilized.

(h) All drawings and documents shall include notation of any and all revisions with date of change noted.

(i) Any specifications, design information, or data germane to the plan approval shall be made available to the Bureau upon written request.

(j) Plans submitted shall be accompanied by a letter of certification or equivalent certification on the plan signed by the professional engineer of record that the plans comply with the applicable requirements of this chapter.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-6.2 RELEASE OF PLANS

(a) The Bureau shall issue a letter of plan release after the plans have been examined and found to be in compliance with the applicable requirements of this chapter.

(b) Two copies of plans released by the Bureau shall be retained by the Bureau for its inspection service and official records. All other copies shall be returned to the applicant or professional engineer of record.

1. The Bureau shall provide written notification to the local construction official whenever it releases a plan.

(c) One set of the returned plans shall be kept on the construction site for inspection services by the Bureau during the entire construction period for the system.

(d) If a set of plans has been released and construction has not been completed within 18 months from the date of plan release, the plan release for that site shall be considered expired unless ex-

tended or renewed by the Commissioner.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-6.3 APPROVAL OF NEW LP-GAS SYSTEM

(a) All new LP-Gas systems for which plans are required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:18-6.1 and all systems of over 2,000 gallons aggregate water capacity that will remain in place for six months or less shall be subject to inspection by the Bureau, after erection, to ensure that the LP-Gas facility is constructed in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. The inspection shall be performed after receipt of notification of completion from the professional engineer of record, who shall submit the completed application form and a letter of completion to the Bureau. The inspection shall be made within seven business days of receipt of a request for inspection by the Bureau. If the erected site conforms to the requirements of this chapter, a certificate of approval shall be issued to the applicant or the professional engineer of record.

1. Exception: An engineering report shall not be required for systems that will remain in place for six months or less. For such systems, the applicant shall submit a request for inspection to the Bureau.

(b) Containers shall not be filled until the approval covered in (a) above has been obtained, except that:

1. Product not exceeding five percent of tank capacity may be placed in the container so that tests and adjustments may be made by the installer; or

2. Containers may be filled for emergency or critical use, when approved by the Commissioner.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-6.4 SUBMITTAL OF NOTICE OF LP-GAS INSTALLATION

(a) A notice of LP-Gas installation shall be filed for all new liquefied petroleum gas systems for which plans are not required under N.J.A.C. 5:18-6.1(b), except that a notice of LP-Gas installation is not required for a system that has an individual or aggregate water capacity of 250 water gallons or less.

(b) The notice of LP-Gas installation required by (a) above shall be filed with the Bureau of Code Services upon installation of new liquefied petroleum gas systems and shall be filed before issuance of a Certificate of Approval, certifying that the work has been completed in accordance with the provisions of the code, except as is otherwise provided in this chapter. The local code official shall not accept an application for a Certificate of Approval without a copy of the notice of LP-Gas installation.

(c) The notice of LP-Gas installations shall be filed with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, Bureau of Code Services, PO Box 816, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0816.

(d) The notice of LP-Gas installation shall contain the following information:

1. Name of owner and user of LP-Gas facility;
2. Street address of facility;
3. Municipality and county where facility is located;
4. Telephone number of user of LP-Gas facility;
5. Number and size of LP-Gas containers.

#### **SUBCHAPTER 7 -- VIOLATIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND HEARINGS**

##### **N.J.A.C. 5:18-7.1 VIOLATIONS/PENALTIES**

(a) Any person, firm, association or corporation who violates any of the provisions of the Act, or of the rules adopted thereunder, shall be liable for a penalty of not less than \$50.00, nor more than \$500.00.

(b) Each day during which any violation of the Act or the rules adopted thereunder continues shall constitute an additional, separate and distinct offense.

(c) In assessing the amount of the penalty to be imposed pursuant

to the Act and to this chapter, the Commissioner shall consider the following factors, where applicable, in determining what constitutes an appropriate penalty for the particular cited violation:

1. The seriousness of the cited violation;
2. The past record of compliance with the provisions of the Act, and the rules adopted thereunder, by the alleged violator;
3. The degree of cooperation afforded to the Commissioner's representatives by the alleged violator in securing compliance with the provisions of the Act and rules adopted thereunder; and
4. Whether the cited violation was willful in nature.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-7.2 HEARINGS

(a) Whenever a notice of violation and/or penalty is levied pursuant to this chapter, the alleged violator shall be provided with:

1. Notification of the violation;
2. The amount of the penalty to be imposed; and
3. An opportunity to request a formal hearing.

(b) A request for a formal hearing must be made in writing and received within 21 calendar days following service of the Commissioner's notice of violation.

(c) All hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules, N.J.A.C. 1:1.

(d) If a hearing is not requested within 21 calendar days following receipt of the notice of violation, the notice of violation shall become the Final Order upon expiration of the 21-day period following receipt thereof.

(e) The alleged violator may request the initiation of a settlement conference at the time that the request for a formal hearing is made. If a settlement conference is requested, or the Department

determines that a settlement conference would be useful, the settlement conference shall be scheduled and conducted by the Department within 30 days of the receipt of the request for a formal hearing.

(f) If a settlement is not agreed upon or no settlement conference is scheduled, the matter shall be transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for a hearing.

(g) Payment of the penalty shall be due when a final agency determination is issued or when a notification becomes a final decision because no appeal has been filed.

(h) All payments shall be made payable to the Department of Community Affairs in the form of a certified check or money order, or such other form as the Department deems suitable.

(i) Upon entry of the final decision, the penalty imposed may be recovered with costs pursuant to the Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999, N.J.S.A. 2A:58-10 et seq.

#### N.J.A.C. 5:18-7.3 CORRECTION OF VIOLATIONS

(a) In addition or as an alternative to the penalties set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:18-7.1, any person, firm or corporation who violates, or remains in violation of any of the provisions of the Act, or the rules adopted thereunder, may be directed and ordered by the Commissioner, by way of a written notice, to take the remedial steps necessary to correct the cited violation. Such notice shall be:

1. Served personally upon the alleged violator; or
2. Mailed by registered or certified mail to:
  - i. The principal office of the person, firm or corporation; or
  - ii. If the alleged violator is an individual, or are individuals, such notice shall be mailed to his or her, or their, residence.

(b) If the Commissioner's order is not complied with and the cited violation is not corrected within 20 days of the date of service of the order, the Commissioner may institute an action for injunctive

relief or for an abatement in Superior Court.

(c) Every such order issued by the Commissioner under the provisions of the Act, or the rules adopted thereunder, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the truth of the matter and contents set forth therein.

(d) No appeal taken by the alleged violator shall suspend the operation on an order made by the Commissioner unless, in the opinion of the court, justice may require suspension thereof pending final disposition of the appeal.

#### SUBCHAPTER 8 -- ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

##### N.J.A.C. 5:18-8.1 AMOUNT OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Beginning July 1, 2006 upon the operative date of this amendment and in every State fiscal year thereafter, there shall be an annual assessment levied upon liquefied petroleum gas in the amount of one-sixth of one cent per gallon.

##### N.J.A.C. 5:18-8.2 PAYMENT OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

(a) The owner of liquefied petroleum gas immediately prior to odorization shall be responsible for the payment of the assessment on the volume of liquefied petroleum gas at the time of import or odorization, whichever is earlier.

(b) All assessments shall be payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey" and shall be remitted to the Bureau of Code Services, PO Box 816, Trenton, NJ 08625-0816 on a quarterly basis on or before the 25th day of the month following the end of the quarter.

(c) A penalty of five percent shall be added to all payments received by the Bureau after the 25th day of the month following the end of the quarter.

(d) In addition to the penalty imposed under (c) above, interest at an annual rate of 12 percent shall be added to all payments received by the Bureau 30 days or more after the 25th day of the month following the end of the quarter.

**N.J.A.C. 5:18-8.3 FORMS**

(a) The following forms, which are incorporated by reference as Appendix B of this chapter, shall be used for the purposes indicated:

1. Remittance Report (LPG-1);
2. Odorizer or Importer Registration (LPG-2);
3. Load Exemption: Certificate of LPG Destined for Export (LPG-3);
4. LPG Usage Report (LPG-4);
5. Assessment Refund Request (LPG-5); and
6. Odorization Report for Terminal Operators (LPG-6)

**SUBCHAPTER 9 -- QUALITY CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE AUDITS**

**N.J.A.C. 5:18-9.1 REGISTRATION OF LPG BULK AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS**

(a) The owner or operator of a LP-Gas facility, including producers, bulk plants and industrial plants of 10,000 gallons water capacity or more, gas utility plants, marine or pipeline terminals or tank farms, shall register with the Bureau on forms provided by the Bureau.

(b) The registration shall include information as to all locations at which odorized or unodorized LP Gas is stored or sold by the business, whether at the facility or elsewhere.

(c) Each registration shall indicate the name and address of the New Jersey office or New Jersey residence of the LPG system's owner or the owner's representative; the owner or the owner's representative must reside or have an office in the State of New Jersey to accept service of process.

(d) It shall be the responsibility of the owner to notify the Department of any change in the identity, mailing address, office or residence address or phone number of the owner or representative.



Any change shall be reported to the Department in writing within 30 days of the change.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-9.2 QUALITY CONTROL MANUAL AND RECORDS

(a) The owner or operator of a facility required to be registered pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:18-9.1 shall prepare, maintain and follow a quality control manual which shall, at a minimum, include the following:

1. A cover sheet indicating the full name of the owner and operator and the street address of the facility;
2. An organization chart detailing the lines of communication and authority and identifying the individual, who shall be a senior company official, who is responsible for implementation of the quality control manual;
3. A complete site plan for each registered facility and a process flow diagram that illustrates piping, valves, equipment, and emergency shutdowns of the facility;
4. A description of a training program for LPG handling and safety approved by the Bureau of Code Services. The training program shall meet the following requirements:
  - i. There shall be ongoing training for all individuals involved in the operation and maintenance of LPG equipment; and
  - ii. All training shall be consistent with national standards for LPG safety training and with this chapter;
5. Standard operating procedures (SOP) and checklists for each facility in order to ensure, at a minimum, safe operation. Any such SOP or checklist shall include, where applicable, but not be limited to, the following:
  - i. Filling, refilling and/or venting containers;
  - ii. Delivery of LPG to any location. A checklist shall be provided to each driver and, when requested, to the Bureau inspector, to ensure that proper procedures, as required by

this chapter, are followed;

iii. Evacuation of cylinders;

iv. Emergency procedures;

v. Accident reporting and documentation;

vi. Installation guidelines and standards for every type of container;

vii. Repair or reconditioning of vessels; and

viii. Testing, repair and maintenance of pressure relief valves and other control or flow devices;

6. Documentation of compliance with the NJDEP Risk Management Program, if applicable, including details specific to the following:

i. Plant safety information, including hazard review scenarios with both normal and emergency shutdown procedures;

ii. System operating procedures;

iii. Employee training;

iv. Maintenance procedures and programs;

v. Compliance audits;

vi. Plant fire safety analysis; and

vii. Incident investigations;

7. Documentation assuring that only acceptable materials are used for new, existing or replacement systems and that all required materials are properly identified when received; and

8. Nonconformance reports documenting all conditions not conforming to this chapter and ensuring that any problems identified through procedures, controls, inspections, specifica-

tions or testing are effectively corrected and documented.

(b) The owner or operator of a facility shall maintain a file system for equipment inspection records, which shall list, by number and such abbreviated description as may be necessary for identification, each ASME pressure vessel covered by these rules, the date of the last inspection of the vessel, and the approximate date for the next inspection.

(c) The owner or operator of a facility shall maintain the following records for the times specified:

1. Manufacturer's data reports of new and used pressure vessels: life of the vessel;
2. All documentation of repairs: life of the vessel;
3. Reports of training: term of employment;
4. Reports of nonconformance: five years; and
5. All results of nondestructive examination tests and other tests and all repair or alteration documentation: life of the vessel.

(d) The Bureau shall have free access to the records of the facility maintained under (a), (b), and (c) above.

**N.J.A.C. 5:18-9.3 PRESSURE VESSEL MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND ALTERATION**

Any pressure vessel code item shall be maintained, repaired and altered in accordance with the original code of construction, the National Board Inspection Code, the applicable ASME code and this chapter.

**N.J.A.C. 5:18-9.4 CERTIFICATES OF OPERATION AND AUDITS**

(a) The owner or operator of a facility required to be registered pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:18-9.1 shall be audited by the Bureau triennially after a satisfactory initial audit.

(b) Upon successful completion of an initial audit, the Bureau shall issue a site-specific certificate of operation, which shall be valid for three years.

(c) The certificate of operation shall indicate that the facility is in compliance with all applicable requirements of this chapter and shall be posted at a conspicuous location within the facility where it may be inspected by representatives of the Bureau and members of the public.

(d) In the event that an audit is not successful, an owner or operator shall be given 30 days to address all identified deficiencies. Subsequent audits shall be made as necessary in order to verify compliance with all applicable requirements.

1. The owner or operator may apply for, and the Bureau may grant, an extension of time to address deficiencies if the Bureau finds that such extension is needed, that the owner is making a good faith effort to correct deficiencies and that there is no threat to public health or safety.

(e) Failure to remove any violations found as a result of an audit made by the Bureau shall result in issuance of a written notice to abate the violations. Correction of violations shall be done in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-7.3.

#### SUBCHAPTER 10 -- LICENSING

##### N.J.A.C. 5:18-10.1 LICENSES REQUIRED

(a) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of marketing LP Gas within the State of New Jersey without being licensed to do so by the Bureau.

(b) A license issued by the Bureau shall be valid for a period of 36 months.

(c) No license shall be issued to any person, firm or corporation that does not maintain general liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$5,000,000.

(d) No license shall be issued to any person, firm or corporation

that markets LP Gas and does not maintain either an adequate storage capacity for customers or contract(s) with other marketers to provide LP Gas.

(e) Retention and reissuance of a license shall be contingent upon satisfactory completion of all audits required pursuant to this chapter.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-10.2 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE; FEES

(a) An application for licensure shall be submitted on a form provided by the Bureau and shall include the following information:

1. The name of the business;
2. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the officers, directors, partners or proprietors of the business;
3. The activities having to do with LP Gas in which the business is engaged in the State of New Jersey;
4. Proof of insurance as required by N.J.A.C. 5:18-10.1(c);
5. The location(s) at which or from which each such activity is conducted and the LP-Gas storage capacity at each such location or information on contracts with other marketers to provide LP Gas;
6. Emergency contact information in conformance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.7;
7. A listing of all persons employed by the business who are in any way engaged in handling LP Gas, together with the locations at which they work and Certified Employee Training Program (CETP) of the National Propane Gas Association certifications held by them;
8. A statement indicating whether or not the business, or any officer, director, partner or proprietor of the business, has at any time within the previous ten years been the subject of any order or finding of violation by any governmental entity with regard to the business or any other LP-Gas business or has

been convicted of any crime or of any offense involving the business or any other LP-Gas business; and

9. A certification that the information set forth in the application is complete and correct.

10. The name and address of the New Jersey office or New Jersey residence of the licensee or the licensee's representative, the licensee or the licensee's representative must reside or have an office in the State of New Jersey to accept service of process.

(b) Each application for a license shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$100.00. Checks shall be made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey."

(c) It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to notify the Department of any change in the identity, mailing address, office or residence address or phone number of the licensee or representative. Any change shall be reported to the Department in writing within 30 days of the change.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-10.3 EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION

(a) Any employee of a marketer licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:18-10.1 handling LP Gas shall obtain Certified Employee Training Program (CETP) of the National Propane Gas Association certification for Book One, "Basic Principles and Practices," within three months of the date of hiring.

1. All employees of a licensed marketer who are responsible for delivering propane shall take and pass part 2.1 of the CETP program, and shall pass part 2.2 if they drive a bulk delivery vehicle, part 2.4 if they drive a cylinder delivery truck or part 2.5 if they are involved in the transportation/relocation of ASME tanks.

2. All employees of a licensed marketer who are responsible for plant operations such as maintaining, purging or reconditioning tanks, shall pass parts 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 of the CEPT program and shall pass, as applicable, part 3.5 or 3.6 if the employee is responsible for any aspect of cargo tank product transfers or rail car transfers, respectively.

3. All employees of a licensed marketer who are responsible for the installation, alteration or repair of propane distribution systems shall pass part 4.2 of the CETP program.
4. The appropriate parts of 2, 3 and 4 of the CETP program must be completed within 21 months of the date of hire or by September 6, 2005, whichever is later.
5. The licensed LP-Gas marketer shall maintain documentation from CETP that each employee, responsible for any specific task listed above, has passed the appropriate CETP test(s) and the required practicum(s) for the task(s).
6. Employees who have completed the previous version of Book One, "Basic Principles and Practices," Book Two, "Propane Delivery," Book Three, "Plant Operations," and Book Four, "Distribution System Operations," of the CETP program are deemed to comply with this rule.

(b) Licensees shall maintain records of employee certification and shall make those records available to the Bureau upon request.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-10.4 FILL PLANT AND DISPENSING STATION OPERATOR TRAINING

(a) All fill plant or dispensing station operators shall be trained using the "Dispensing Propane Safely" manual (2000 edition) published by the National Propane Gas Association, incorporated herein by reference, or an equivalent accepted by the Department. An employee shall receive training prior to dispensing LP Gas. It shall be the responsibility of the business operating the tank, working together with the marketer, to ensure all employees dispensing LP Gas are trained properly.

(b) Licensees shall maintain records of employee training and shall make those records available to the Bureau upon request.

N.J.A.C. 5:18-10.5 SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS, AND ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS

(a) The Bureau may suspend or revoke a license, or may deny renewal or issuance of a license, upon a finding that an applicant

or licensee has engaged in acts or omissions harmful to public safety or to the protection of the public. Factors in determining whether a license should be revoked or suspended, or for how long a suspension should be in effect, shall include, but not be limited to, the extent and duration of the hazard to the public, the extent to which willful or reckless behavior was evident, prior history of like or similar violations and the extent to which appropriate corrective action was taken.

(b) As an alternative to revocation or suspension of a license, the Bureau may assess a civil penalty, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 21:1B-5, or may issue a letter of warning, reprimand or censure, if the Bureau determines any such action to be warranted. Any penalty imposed or letter issued shall be part of the licensing file of the business or individual, as the case may be.

(c) Conviction of a crime, or of an offense in connection with the LP-Gas business, shall constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of a license.

(d) Any person to whom the Bureau denies a license, or whose license is suspended or revoked, or who is ordered to pay a civil penalty, shall be entitled to appeal the action of the Bureau in an administrative hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules, N.J.A.C. 1:1. The final decision shall be issued by the Commissioner.



## APPENDIX A

AVAILABILITY OF STANDARDS AND PUBLICATIONS REFERRED TO IN THIS  
CHAPTER

A copy of each of the standards and publications referenced in this chapter is on file and may be inspected at the following office of the Division of Codes and Standards between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on normal working days:

State of New Jersey  
Department of Community Affairs  
Division of Codes and Standards  
101 South Broad Street  
Trenton, New Jersey

Copies of the referenced standards and publications may be obtained from the organizations listed below. The abbreviations preceding these standards and publications have the following meanings and refer to the organizations issuing the standards and publications listed or to volumes of statutes or administrative rules.

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<u>CFR</u>	<u>Code of Federal Regulations</u> <i>copies available from:</i> Superintendent of Documents Government Printing Office Washington, D.C. 20402
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